



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Haberman at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Nancy Haberman, Chair; Carol Battenberg, Dan Krause, Georganne Mortensen, Jim Mode, Mary Ann Steppke and Earlene Ronk.

Also Present: Yvonne Duesterhoeft, Veteran's Service Officer, Sue Torum & ADRC staff.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of 10/2/12 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 10/2/12 minutes was made by Steppke and seconded by Ronk. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications**

Torum read the 10/24/2012 letter from Donna McDowell notifying the county that the Dementia Care Specialist grant application has been approved.

**Veteran's Services Presentation**

Yvonne Duesterhoeft, Veteran's Service Officer spoke to the committee about various programs and benefits available to veterans including service connected disability payments, the non-service connected pension program, VA Health Care, The Veteran's Retaining Assistance Program, Wisconsin GI Bill and benefits to veteran's exposed to agent orange. She provided many handouts for members to refer back to.

### **ADRC Monthly Report**

Olson was unable to attend the meeting and ADRC staff joined in to informally talk about what types of calls they get, how they assist and to answer any questions. Staff and committee members appreciated the opportunity to get acquainted or reconnected in some cases.

### **State Medical Society Pilot Project: Honoring Choices**

Honoring Choices Wisconsin is a major initiative to build system change, advocacy and education around advance care planning. The Medical Society coordinates the pilot projects and the ADRC is joining Fort Health Care and Rainbow Hospice in piloting the project in Jefferson County. This project relies on facilitated discussions between health care providers and patients regarding advance care planning and results in:

- Significant improvement in end-of-life care
- Improved understanding of advance care planning, hospice and palliative care among physicians and other health care professionals
- Higher advance directive completion rates
- Greater awareness among all demographics about the importance of advance care planning

### **Review Draft s 85.21 Specialized Transportation Grant Application**

The draft application for s 85.21 funding was reviewed in its entirety. Torum spoke about current issues in coordinating transportation, including getting the right people to attend meetings. She said that Brown Cab was awarded a grant from the Community Transportation Association of America which will result in an intensive study of service needs and gaps. This is very timely since Project 3 of the grant application is likely in its last year due to lack of ridership. A public hearing is scheduled in December prior to the next meeting where final approval will be sought.

### **Review Statewide Federal Aging Program Data Reports**

Tabled.

### **Set next meeting date and possible agenda items**

The next meeting will be on December 4, 2012. Discussion will include review and approval of the 2013 Transportation Plan, Honoring Choices and Dementia Specialist Project progress.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Steppke seconded by Schmidt and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
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